

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF VERMONT
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT **2022 APR 14 PM 12:58**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

v.)

ARON LEE ETHRIDGE)

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INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

Count One

Between in or about October 2017 and in or about January 2018, in the District of Vermont and elsewhere, the defendant ARON LEE ETHRIDGE knowingly and willfully conspired with Jerry Banks, and others known and unknown, to unlawfully seize, confine, inveigle, decoy, kidnap, abduct, and carry away for reward and otherwise Gregory Davis, when Banks travelled in interstate commerce and both Banks and ETHRIDGE used a facility or instrumentality of interstate commerce in committing and in furtherance of the commission of the offense.

Overt Acts

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the illegal object thereof, the following overt acts, among others, was committed in the District of Vermont and elsewhere:

- a. On or about January 5, 2018, Banks purchased a prepaid phone at a Walmart in Clearfield, Pennsylvania.
- b. On or about January 6, 2018, Banks used the prepaid phone purchased from the Clearfield Walmart to call 911 and report a fictitious shooting.

c. On or about January 6, 2018, Banks knocked on the door of Gregory Davis's home dressed in a manner imitating a U.S. Marshal and claimed to have an arrest warrant for Davis.


d. On January 7, 2018, Banks called ETHRIDGE to inform him that Davis had been successfully kidnapped and murdered.

(18 U.S.C. § 1201(c))

A TRUE BILL

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FOREPERSON

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nikolas P. Kerest'.

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April 14, 2022